has been received. The Government have passed orders on the report and a bill to amend the Regulation has been placed before the Representative Assembly.

Laws Delays in the Shimoga Division.

MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk); N. M. SIVALINGAPPIAH and K. THIMME GOWDA (Kadur Taluk); D. V. HALAPPA (Birur Municipality); HANJI BASAPPA (Tarikere Taluk); M. THIMMIAH (Tarikere Municipality); C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests); K. MALLE GOWDA and M. HUTCHE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Q.—36. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) What is the number of cases (i) brought to file, (ii) disposed of, and (iii) pending, in the Court of the Special First Class Magistrate, Chikmagalur, during each of the past six years?

(*b*) What is the number of cases brought to file, disposed of and pending during each of the past six years in the District and Sub-Courts of Shimoga separately; and of these, what is the number of appeals?

(*c*) Of the appeals filed in the above mentioned courts, what is the number of appeals filed in each of the past six years (i) on the orders passed by the Munsiff of Narasimharajapura and (ii) on the orders passed by the Munsiff, Chikmagalur, separately?

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN).—

A.—(*a*) to (*c*) Statements furnishing the particulars are placed on the table (*vide* Appendix).

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—It is seen from the answer to the question that the number of pending cases, both original and appeal, is steadily increasing in the Shimoga District Court and that there is also congestion of work in the Munsiffs' Courts at Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur. Would it not be desirable to give appellate jurisdiction to the First Class Magistrate at Chikmagalur so far as criminal cases at present within the jurisdiction of the Narasimharajapura and Chikmagalur Munsiffs are concerned?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Are the Government aware that representations in this matter have been made to the High Court and that some of the Judges of the High Court have also expressed the opinion that the suggestion is desirable?

THE FIRST MEMBER (*Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur* K. MATTHAN).—If so, there will be no complaints in future.

MR. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA.—Will the Government be pleased to pass early orders if the High Court make any reference in the matter to the Government?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—Certainly.

MR. V. V. IYER.—How many cases are there on the file of the courts referred to, which have not come up for hearing even once for the last 5 or 6 years?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Are the Government aware, at least, that there are many cases of that kind?

MR. K. V. ANANTARAMAN.—Notice.

MR. V. V. IYER.—Will not such inordinate delays for years together cause a lot of hardship and loss to the litigant public?

MR. K. MATTHAN.—The High Court are trying all possible means of expediting disposals.

Poor Houses in the State.

MR. C. R. NIRVANAPPA SETTY (Special Interests).—

Q.—38. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

In what places of the State are poor houses constructed and, out of them, how many and in what places are they working?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (MR. M. VENKATANARANAPPA).—

A.—It is not clear what the member means by the term "poor houses," whether they are places for the housing of the aged poor and the